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SUBJECT: GSP: ELIGIBILITY OF INDIAN SUGAR EXPORTS

1. DURING A CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, MINCOMMERCE JOINT SECRETARY S.P. SHUKLA ASKED EMBASSY TO CONFIRM THAT DESPITE LOW LEVEL OF EXPORTS IN 1977, INDIA CONTINUED TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR GSP BENEFITS FOR SUGAR.
 2. SHUKLA EXPLAINED THAT MATTER HAD RECENTLY COME TO HIS ATTENTION BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT'S RECENT DECISION TO RECOMMENCE SIZEABLE SUGAR EXPORTS (AT CONSIDERABLE BUDGETARY EXPENSE BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT PRICE PROGRAM). EMB-OFF POINTED OUT TO SHUKLA THAT FINDING OF INELIGIBILITY UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED CRITERION WAS OBLIGATORY, BUT THAT REDESIGNATION WAS DISCRETIONARY. SPEAKING FROM GENERAL RECOLLECTION OF PAST OPERATION OF GSP, HE SAID THAT DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN EXERCISED TO INDIA'S BENEFIT IN THE PAST WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUGAR. OTHER COUNTRIES IN SIMILAR SITUATION HAD ALSO NOT HAD SUGAR EXPORTS REINSTATED.
 3. COMMENT: CONTINUATION OF SUGAR EXPORT INELIGIBILITY
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- HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE IN WRITING ON MARCH 3.
4. ACTION REQUESTED: STATE 51166 LISTED THOSE COUNTRIES FOR WHICH SUGAR NOT REDESIGNATED DESPITE 1977 EXPORTS BELOW THE COMPETITIVE NEED LEVELS. WE WOULD LIKE TO TELL SHUKLA THAT, BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC SENSITIVITY, NONE RPT NONE OF THE SEVERAL

COUNTRIES FALLING BELOW COMPETITIVE NEED CRITERIA FOR SUGAR
WAS REDESIGNATED. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS IS TRUE.

5. PLEASE ALSO CONFIRM THAT LIST IN PARA NINE STATE 50501
IS COMPLETE LIST OF ALL SUGAR EXPORTERS INELIGIBLE DURING THE
CURRENT GSP YEAR, AND PROVIDE LIST OF THOSE EXPORTERS WHICH
ARE ELIGIBLE. WE WOULD LIKE THIS INFORMATION ON THE ASSUMP-
TION THAT ELIGIBLE EXPORTERS REPRESENT SMALL SHARE OF SUGAR
MARKET AND THAT COMPARISON OF LISTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT
INDIA NOT SERIOUSLY DISADVANTAGED BY ITS INELIGIBILITY.
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